(d) The Government has asked the naxal affected States to intensify anti-naxalite operations keeping the door for peace dialogue with naxal groups open.

Review of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958

2374. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted to review the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, now in force in NE States has come to the conclusion that people of the NE want the Act be repealed;

(b) whether most of the depositions before the Committee underlined the attempt of Government to legitimize the human rights violations committed by armed forces personnel under the garb of the Act; and

(c) whether Government are committed to go by the recommendations of the Committee when submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Committee constituted to review the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 on 19.11.2004 is still in the process of ascertaining views of the cross sections of the society, stake holders, different parties, organizations and non-governmental organizations. The Review Committee is expected to submit its recommendations within a period of six months. After the report is received, Government will give it due consideration and take decision.

Meeting of inter-State Co-ordination Committee

†2375. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the inter-State Co-ordination Committee was held recently;

(b) if so, the suggestions received to check crimes in the National Capital Territory; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to implement these suggestions and by when these suggestions are likely to be implemented?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The last meeting of the inter-State Co-ordination Committee was held on 6th January, 2005 'under the chairmanship of the Lt. Governor of Delhi. The main suggestions given in the meeting to check crimes in the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the action taken thereon are indicated below:

Suggestion—Zonal Integrated Police Net (ZIPNET) can work as a hub for sharing information, data, photographs etc. This concept of exchange of information can, in the coming year, be further extended to videoconferencing.

Action Taken—Delhi Police has already started feeding the information relating to the following subjects:

(i) Descriptibn of un-identified dead bodies to match with missing persons;

(ii) Sharing of information regarding day-to-day crimes reported;

(iii) Accessibility to Crime and Criminal Databases of each other;

(iv) Press releases relating to crime having inter-State ramifications;

(v) Information about prevailing crime trend among cities/States;

(vi) Exchange of dossiers of criminals electronically without losing time and sharing of daily crime bulletin;

(vii) Flashing of information and description of suspect;

(viii) Flashing of portraits of suspects; and

(ix) Flashing of information about unclaimed and stolen vehicles.

Extension of videoconferencing in the coming years depends on examination of its technical and economical feasibility.

Suggestion—Development of technology and communication systems should be improved, as the criminals are not restricted to geographical boundaries.

Action Taken—A number of steps have been taken to strengthened the communication network within the National Capital Region including a direct wireless link provided to all the District Control Rooms of neighbouring States where any information of significance is transmitted immediately.

Suggestion— The meeting of Inter-State Co-ordination Committee should be followed up by meetings between officers of Delhi and the neighbouring States at more functional level.

Action Taken— Meetings with neighbouring States are being organized regularly. Delhi Police is working as a Secretariat to organize such meetings. Besides meetings held under the chairmanship of Lt. Governor of Delhi, meetings are also held at the level of (i) Commissioner of Police where Inspector Generals of Police and other senior officers of the neighbouring States participate, and (ii) at the level of District Deputy Commissioners of Police with their counterparts in the neighbouring States.

Suggestion— There is a need to set up an effective exchange system with the use of advance technology.

Action Taken— Delhi Police is already cooperating with neighbouring States and providing all significant intelligence inputs to them Compact Discs (CDs) containing information relating to crimes and criminals are regularly sent to the neighbouring States.

Suggestion—As the criminals were getting better organized, it had become imperative to combine resources and to carry out joint operations to make policing more effective.

Action Taken— Delhi Police is already organizing joint operations with the police force of neighbouring States. A number of such operations have been carried out in the past.

Suggestion— Officers of Intelligence"Bureau and Narcotics Control Bureau may be associated in the meetings of the inter-State Co-ordination Committee.

Action Taken— Officers of Intelligence Bureau and Narcotics Control Bureau are consulted as and when necessary.

Suggestion— There was an increase in motor vehicle thefts, highway robberies, snatchings etc. in which organized gangs were involved. Therefore, there was a need for sharing information and conducting joint operations to identify these gangs. Co-ordination meetings may be organized at the district level also.

Action Taken— Delhi Police is sharing information about crime and criminals, organizing joint operations and holding co-ordination meetings at district level.

Suggestion—There was a need of computerization of Transport Department records, in view of the increase of motor vehicle thefts.

Action Taken—Records of Transport Department have already been computerized. Delhi Police is having its own database containing information regarding ownership and other details which are provided to all police forces as and when required.

Suggestion—The ZIPNET has vast potential and it can also be used for chatting, exchange of photographs etc. and senior police officers are required to take personal interest in its optimum utilization.

Action Taken—The senior officers of Delhi Police have evinced keen interest in optimum utilization of the ZIPNET.

Throwing out of passengers

2376. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some jawans belonging to the CRPF threw out a passenger near Mirzapur railway station from the running train Purushottam Express on 10th February, 2005;

(b) whether Government are aware of the menacing behaviour of CRPF jawans and officers while they use trains and other public transport;

(c) whether the CRPF has identified these jawans and apprehended them;

(d) what are the reasons for such violent behaviour against the travelling public by CRPF jawans in the country; and

(e) the steps proposed to give exemplary punishment on the culprits who threw out a passenger from Purushottam Express?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There was no involvement of CRPF personnel in the incident.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Non-Introduction of the Lottery (Prohibition) Bill, 1999

†2377. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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